Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020 until 23:59 on Wednesday 19 Aug 2020

Forecast Issued on Monday 17 Aug 2020 at 17:31 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for overall developments out to Thursday, but moderate for thunderstorm risk Tuesday. Several hours uncertainty in timing of rain moving north Wednesday night/early Thursday. Low from Friday with the potential for much lighter winds for a time.

Headline for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020: Low cloud to start. Sunny spells developing, but heavy thundery afternoon showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms High Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Fog	Sunny intervals	Heavy rain showers	Thundery showers	Thundery showers	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	10%	30%	60%	60%	30%

Forecast for Tuesday 18 Aug 2020

Weather: Low cloud and some patchy light drizzle through the early hours, this slow to clear through the morning in the east, but sunny spells developing along the coast. Heavy, thundery showers will break out by early afternoon, these continue into the evening before easing. A little patchy light rain or showers overnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10% or less to start the day, cloud mostly extensive above 400-500m, perhaps a few breaks near the west coast. Cloud lifts to be mainly above the summits by the afternoon, but bases dropping in showers.

Visibility: Very poor in low cloud in the morning. Mostly good in the afternoon but temporarily falling to the few km or less in heavy showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	16/19 SE	11/13 E	10/13 SE	10/14 SE	11/15 SE	8/12 SW	8/11 SW	7/8 S	8/10 S
900	13/17 SE	7/10 SE	11/14 SE	11/15 SE	10/14 SE	6/9 S	7/10 SW	5/7 SW	6/8 S
600	7/9 N	7/9 E	5/7 SE	6/9 SE	6/10 E	6/9 SE	8/10 SW	6/7 W	7/9 SW
300	4/6 E	4/5 NE	3/5 N	4/7 NE	6/11 SE	6/11 SW	4/9 S	4/7 S	4/6 S
Glen	3/8 E	3/8 E	2/6 NE	3/6 E	5/9 SE	7/11 SW	4/8 SW	3/6 S	4/7 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/6	9/7	9/6	9/6	9/7	10/8	9/7	9/7	8/6
900	11/8	10/9	10/8	11/9	13/11	14/13	12/11	11/10	10/9
600	13/12	13/12	13/13	14/13	15/14	16/15	14/13	14/13	13/12
300	15/15	14/14	14/15	16/16	18/17	18/17	16/16	15/15	15/15
Glen	15/16	15/16	15/16	18/18	20/20	20/19	18/18	16/17	16/16
Freezing Level*	2800m	2800m	2700m	2700m	2700m	2800m	2800m	2700m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Afternoon showers will be slow moving, with the possibility of some torrential downpours. Localised gusts of 15-20 mph near heavy showers.

Forecast for Wednesday 19 Aug 2020

Weather: A mostly dry day with sunny spells. A few well scattered showers are likely, mainly around early afternoon. A dry evening but freshening winds and rain spread north overnight.

Maximum wind: Light and variable becoming Southeast 15-20 mph in the afternoon. Increasing to 25-30 gusting 40 mph across the summits in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80-90%, any early morning cloud soon lifting above the summits.

Visibility: Very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 14 Celsius rising to 21 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 12 Celsius rising to 15 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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